

REMARKS

A. Allowable Subject Matter

Applicants thank the Examiner for recognizing that the subject matter of claims 20-24 and 27-30 is allowable. Accordingly, Applicants have cancelled the remaining claims without prejudice to, or disclaimer of, the subject matter therein.

B. Entry of this Supplemental Amendment After Final (AAF)

Entry of this AAF is respectfully solicited because the AAF: (a) places the application in condition for allowance for the reasons discussed herein; (b) does not raise any new issues regarding further search and/or consideration; (c) does not present any additional claims without canceling the corresponding number of finally rejected claims; and (d) places the application in better form for appeal, if an appeal is necessary.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact John E. Curtin at the telephone number listed below.

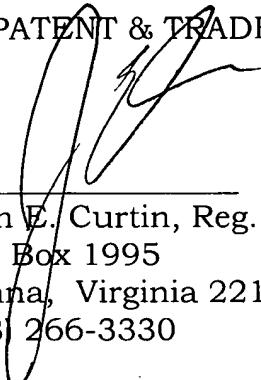
No extension fee is deemed necessary because the Applicants' initial response was within the permitted timeframe and because this supplemental response places the application in condition for allowance. If necessary, however, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account

No. 50-3777 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under
37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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